

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

In Area no.

Form no.

117-A-2

2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
Staple to left side of form
Photo number _____

4. Map. Draw sketch of building location
in relation to nearest cross streets and
other buildings. Indicate north.

1. Town Worcester

Address 49-51 Union Street

Name Salisbury Factory Building-49-51
Union Street

Present use commercial

Present owner A. J. Realty Co.
90 Grove Street, Worc.

3. Description:

Date 1882

Source date plaque

Style utilitarian industrial

Architect Stephen Earle

Exterior wall fabric red brick

Outbuildings (describe) none

Other features granite plaque bearing
initials "S.S."; granite hood over
double entry; corbelled cornice with
central parapet and date plaque.

Altered two storey
addition Date 1886-1896

Moved no Date _____

5. Lot size: Assessors' Book 2, p.1,
Lot 20 19,517 sq.ft.

One acre or less x Over one acre _____

Approximate frontage 100'

Approximate distance of building from street

7'

6. Recorded by S. Ceccacci, S. Lee
& B.R. Pfeiffer
Organization WHPS

Date Revised March 1979

(over)

UTM
19/269210/4683300

7. Original owner (if known) Stephen Salisbury III

Original use factory

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates commercial (present)

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	<u> </u>	Conservation	<u> </u>	Recreation	<u> </u>
Agricultural	<u> </u>	Education	<u> </u>	Religion	<u> </u>
Architectural	<u> x </u>	Exploration/ settlement	<u> </u>	Science/ invention	<u> x </u>
The Arts	<u> </u>	Industry	<u> x </u>	Social/ humanitarian	<u> </u>
Commerce	<u> </u>	Military	<u> </u>	Transportation	<u> </u>
Communication	<u> </u>	Political	<u> </u>		
Community development	<u> x </u>				

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

Designed by Stephen Earle, a prominent Worcester architect, and built in 1882, #49-51 Union Street is located at the northeast corner of Union and Market Streets. The building originally was trapezoidal in plan, with an ell at its northeast corner. The original portion of the building is three stories high with a flat roof, corbelled cornice, parapet (west facade) and undecorated granite trim. Between 1886 and 1896, a two storey brick addition was made to the building's Union Street facade. Designed by Stephen Earle, this addition included the structure's present double entry which is capped by a heavy granite hood set on granite consoles.

Built by Stephen Salisbury III, #49-51 Union Street stands south of the site of the Court Mills which was built by his father, Stephen Salisbury II, between 1829 and 1832. The Court Mills which were the first factories in Worcester to provide rental space and power for small manufacturers set the pattern for local industrial development and marked the beginning of the Salisbury family's long and important involvement in providing factory space for many of the city's major industries. Most factories built by Stephen Salisbury II and Stephen Salisbury III stood in the vicinity of Lincoln Square; however, re-development of the area in the mid-twentieth century has led to the demolition or alteration of virtually all of the Salisbury Factory Buildings, leaving #49-51 Union Street and #25 Union Street (see form 117-A-1) as the most significant evidence of the Salisbury family's influence on the area's development.

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10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

Worcester Historical Society. Biography file (Thomas Dodge)

Sanitary Engineer, vol. VII, 5/31/1883, p. 611 (building notice)

Nutt, C. History of Worcester, vol. III, p. 63 (Washburn biography)

Washburn, C. Industrial Worcester, pp. 109-299.

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

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Community:	Form No:
Worcester	117-A-2
Property Name: Salisbury Factory building	

Indicate each item on inventory form which is being continued below.

9.

#49-51 Union Street was built for the Worcester Barbed Wire Fence Company, a firm which was founded in 1881 by Thomas H. Dodge (a prominent local patent lawyer and inventor who held patents on textile, papermaking and agricultural machinery) and by Charles Washburn. From its founding the firm was loosely connected with the Washburn & Moen Manufacturing Company (of which Charles Washburn's uncle, Ichabod, had been the founder), the city's largest industry. In 1883, Dodge was forced by his health to retire from the business, resulting in the purchase of the Worcester Barbed Wire Fence Company by Washburn & Moen which already held many barbed-wire patents and was the largest producer of barbed wire in the United States. As a result of the merger, Charles Washburn was made a director of the Washburn & Moen Company which continued to manufacture barbed wire at 49-51 Union Street until 1898, after which the building was rented by G.L. Brownell, an inventor and maker of twisting machinery for the manufacture of diverse materials ranging from silk thread to heavy ropes. In 1909 Brownell's business expanded to occupy the entire building which he had purchased from Stephen Salisbury's estate in 1908; Brownell's firm continued in this location until after World War I. At present #49-51 Union Street is rented to a variety of small firms.

Staple to Inventory form at bottom

Property Worcester Multiple Resource Area (Partial Inventory)

State MA (Worcester) Working Number 8.30.79.2060

TECHNICAL

CONTROL

Photos 383 + 13

Maps 2, 63

Excellent multiple resource nomination for the entire city of Worcester. Both the general description & statement of significance & the individual inventory sheets are well done. Each type of property included is well justified & reasons are listed for not including others at this time (e.g. 3-deckers). ^{Historian} Call/Accept
^{Lightner} 10-30-79
Opposition is high. Minor problems with some properties are listed on attached sheets.
Concur with Bruce's comments on 102-L-3, 116-CBD-11, 117-E, and 130-CBD-50 and 44. Integrity and/or boundaries need to be addressed specifically on individual forms. ^{Architectural Historian} DOUBLE
^{Archeologist} ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

116-CBD-11 - Destroyed, cannot be listed.
130-CBD-44 - I am not convinced this has lost integrity. See attached.
102-L-3 - Period of significance and categorization of 1 bgs need to be discussed with State.

With 3 exceptions all properties appear to me to meet the criteria and the forms are adequate. ~~Both~~ ^{both} technically and to determine significance. Although some of the forms did not contain strong statements of significance the resource categories were thoroughly discussed in the body of the nomination; therefore significance was established. VBDs were not necessary because

^{Other} HAER
ACCEPT
AKC 10/24/80
2/28/80

of the scale maps and clearly delineated boundaries. ~~ALREADY WAS MISSING~~
THE SAME PROPERTIES BUT ~~IS~~ ^{IS} NOW INCLUDED AFTER THE 2/11/CORRECTIONS.

^{HAER} HAER

THE ONLY PROPERTIES THAT I DO NOT RECOMMEND LISTING ARE

Inventory

✓ 116-CBD-13 - DESTROYED BY FIRE MD - 116 CBD-11

Review

130-CBD-44 - DOES NOT RETAIN INTEGRITY FOR INDIVIDUAL ELIGIBILITY

✓ 102-L-3 I ~~DO NOT~~ ^{DO NOT} CONVINCE ABOUT BOUNDARIES

^{REVIEW UNIT CHIEF} REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

BUT BELIEVE THEY COULD BE OK. ~~BASED~~

ON ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION SUBMITTED - I DEFER JUDGEMENT.

Recommend

Listing all properties ^{now} ~~except~~ these 3. Return 116-CBD-11 to State (not eligible); ~~to discuss further~~ ^{w/ NR staff + State. DOBIE}

^{BRANCH CHIEF} BRANCH CHIEF 3/3/80

Return 102-L-3 to State for correction;

HOLD 130-CBD-44 for info from State

3/5/80
DOUBLE

Staff conference 3/5/80 - agreed to action as noted below:

^{KEEPER} KEEPER

Accept with exception of 116-CBD-11 (official notification of fire & clean from SHRB), 102-L-3 (returning to State for revision - also returning 116-CBD-11) and 130-CBD-44 (filing from State)

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3/5/80

National Register Write-up

Send-back

Entered

MAR 5 1980

Federal Register Entry 2.3.81

Re-submit



UNION PLACE

WALBERG & AUGE

Adams Warehouse



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Selishury Factory Building

49-51 Union St.

Worcester MA, Ma

west elevation

Please refer to the map in the
Multiple Property Cover Sheet
for this property

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000304